

Sir

by the Interposition of my Lady Smarr, I have receaved y^e Most wellicom Letter (thoug three months old) in which I doe with ioy and gladness read of yr: good disposition, and that you are pleased to grant my humble Suites, in promising me two pictures, the one of yr' face and the other of yr minde. The first woul conduce me to a great deale of future Contentements, for, having such an object before mee, it wil ~~thru~~ by the Imagination of the Original revieve those senses, that for want of true correction are almost crushed, your expressions wrought presently som effect; for having my Suite neere me when I did read them, it sunk me^m to a vemie of playing and shaped this little Allemande of no high musical strames, but in a melodious way, and being it was performed in that time I was wholly taken up with the thoughts of yr rare person, I made bold to send it unto you.

The second suite y^e are likewise pleased to grant, in promising to power upon me, not with handfulls but with whole tubbes those things which y^e call rude and tough meate. but I'le assure you upon my faith, I will not only take of it and turne to the same dinner againe, but make it a continual feast to my minde, not doubting of a good digestion, and therefore the more the better. Let then yr affection surmount all these doubts and fill a Vessell up to the very brim of yr harmonious Composition, in so much that no vacuitie be perceaued, and then pour it freely upon me who shal seriously take euery drop as a wholesom Dyet and Conserue the whole number so long as I liue.

Concerning my present fortun and Condition, I thank God for all. my little habitation in Hollstem I haue sold, and liue now at Copenhagen, but meet I haue one man at these Courts by whom my little skill war understood, I then shoud settle my heart at rest and be quiet. but seeing that these climats are either not Capable or not so favorable to grant my desire, I must thmik that blind chance makes no difference of mens trifling welfare I Content my selfe and doe Joy to haue so Noble a Patron whose fame deserues of all generous spirits to be proclaimed immortell and thoug I am the least in expressions, yet haue I a full measure of will and affection to be

Sir
yr most humble and
vntamed serrant.

Gottshalk Beer

Copenhagen the 6 of Novemb:
1646.

yr letter I receaved the third of Novemb:
and doe wonder that I had them so sooner. but if you
woul be pleased to honor me with yr promises and to send it
At Amsterdum in stielsteeg in Dorsten garen winkel mit
van thrasam de Croix. I shal not faile them.





A Monsieur

Monsieur Hugens, Seigneur
de Zulecom, Conseiller et
Secrétaire d'Etat de son
Altesse le Prince D'Orange

W. de La Haye